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**IN THE CLAIMS:** 

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:** 

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A hand tool for immobilizing a T-connector, the hand

tool comprising:

an elongated handle portion, said handle portion including a grip end, and a snap

connection;

a head portion removably fixed to said handle portion by said snap connection,

the said head portion having means for capturing two aligned nuts of said a T-

connector;

wherein said means for capturing two aligned nuts of the T-connector comprises a

pair of rigid claws, each claw of said pair of rigid claws including an interior surface

sized to capture a corresponding one of the two aligned nuts of the T-connector thereby

preventing lateral movement of the two aligned nuts.

Claims 2 and 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) The hand tool of claim 3 1, wherein said snap connection

comprises a lug extending from one of said handle portion and said head portion, said lug

extending into, a hole formed in another of said handle portion and said head portion,

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said lug including a snap connector having a spring-loaded ball bearing, said hole having

a detent formed in a sidewall thereof, said lug extending into said hole, and said snap

connector engaging a said detent formed in the sidewall of said hole.

Claim 5. (Canceled)

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The hand tool of claim 3 1, wherein each claw of said

pair of rigid claws includes an interior cylindrical surface that extends a majority around

a circumference of a cylinder.

Claim 7. (Original) The hand tool of claim 6, wherein an axis of said cylinder is parallel

to an axis of said handle portion.

Claim 8. (Original) The hand tool of claim 6, wherein an axis of said cylinder is

generally perpendicular to an axis of said handle portion.

Claim 9. (Original) The hand tool of claim 3 1, wherein each said claw of said pair of

rigid claws comprises a pair of jaws adapted for extending around a respective side of

one of the aligned nuts and preventing lateral movement of the nut.

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Claim 10. (Currently Amended) A T-connector holding tool, comprising:

a handle having a grip portion and a mounting lug extending from the grip

portion;

said mounting lug including a cylindrical end portion;

a head having a cylindrical body, the cylindrical body having a bore defined

therein, the mounting lug being removably inserted into the bore in order to attach the

head to the handle; and

first and second claws attached to the cylindrical body in parallel, spaced relation,

each of the claws having a pair of jaws dimensioned and configured for simultaneously

gripping coaxially aligned nuts of a T-connector in order to prevent rotation of the T-

connector when adjusting a nut on stem of the T-connector.

Claim 11. (Original) The T-connector holding tool according to claim 10, wherein said

lug has a square drive adjacent the grip portion.

Claim 12. (Original) The T-connector holding tool according to claim 11, wherein said

square drive further comprises a spring-biased ball bearing extending from the square

drive.

Claim 13. (Canceled)

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Claim 14. (Currently Amended) The T-connector holding tool according to claim 13 12,

wherein the bore defined in the cylindrical body of said head has a square shaped bottom

end having at least one detent hole defined therein, the ball bearing snapping into the

detent hole to temporarily secure said head to said handle, and a cylindrically shaped top

end receiving the cylindrical end portion of said mounting lug.

Claim 15. (Original) The T-connector holding tool according to claim 10, wherein each

said claw has a smooth, arcuate, cylindrical interior surface.

Claim 16. (Original) The T-connector holding tool according to claim 10, wherein said

bore extends axially through said cylindrical body.

Claim 17. (Original) The T-connector holding tool according to claim 10, wherein said

bore extends transversely through said cylindrical body.

Claims 18-21 (Canceled)

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